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RE: 09/462,408

MESSAGE:

Per our telephone conversation of today, attached are copies of Authorization to Charge papers in connection with the above-identified application. Please feel free to contact me at 703-838-6603 if any questions arise.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.6)

09/462,408

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/GB98/02048INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
13 July 1998PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
11 July 1997TITLE OF INVENTION
CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and the PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. A substitute specification.
15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. Other items or information:

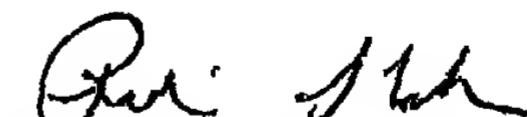
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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS		
Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$840.00 (970) International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$670.00 (956) No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$690.00 (958) Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$970.00 (960) International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) \$96.00 (962)		PTO USE ONLY		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$ 840.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 (154) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.00		
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	26 - 20 =	6	X \$18.00 (966)	\$ 108.00
Independent Claims	5 - 3 =	2	X \$78.00 (964)	\$ 156.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+\$260.00 (968)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 1104.00		
Reduction for 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			\$ 552.00	
		SUBTOTAL =	\$ 552.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 (156) for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).		20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 <input type="checkbox"/> +	\$ 0.00	
		TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$ 552.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (581) per property +			\$ 0.00	
		TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$ 552.00	
		Amount to be: refunded	\$	
		charged	\$552.00	

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5) that may be required, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 24, 2000
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Transmittal Letter to the U.S.
Designated/Elected Office (second submission), Authorization to Charge Deposit
Account, and Small Entity Declaration is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S.
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